



File Code: 2670
Date: March 9, 2020

Christy Johnson Hughes
Assistant State Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
11103 E. Montgomery Drive
Spokane, WA 99206

Dear Ms. Hughes,

Enclosed is a copy of the Biological Assessment (BA) for the Hungry Ridge Restoration Project, located on the Salmon River Ranger District on the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests. The determination of the fisheries assessment is that the proposed federal action **may affect, likely to adversely affect** the Snake River steelhead trout and designated steelhead critical habitat. It also determined a **may affect, not likely to adversely affect** essential fish habitat (EFH) for salmon. The BA also determined that the Hungry Ridge project **May affect, likely to adversely affect** Columbia River Bull trout and their designated critical habitat.

In accordance with the Endangered Species Act, Section 7, I am requesting your written concurrence with regards to our determination for effects from the Hungry Ridge Restoration project to steelhead trout, designated steelhead trout critical habitat and salmon EFH.

If you or your staff have questions regarding this project, please contact Derrick Bawdon at (208) 935-4287 or Michele Windsor at (208) 935-4282.

Sincerely,

CHERYL F. PROBERT
Forest Supervisor

CC: Derrick Bawdon, Dan Kenney, Stefani Spencer

Enclosure: Fisheries Biological Assessment

